



2017 Minnesota Business Ethics Awards Honors Three Companies

MINNEAPOLIS – Business leaders gathered at the Nicollet Island Pavilion on **Business Ethics Awareness Day in Minnesota** to honor three companies with the 18th annual **Minnesota Business Ethics Award** (MBEA). The recipients of the award included:

- Small Company Category (under 100 employees): **Brenny Transportation, Inc.**
- Mid-Sized Company Category (100 to 500 employees): **Reell Precision Manufacturing**
- Large Company Category (more than 500 employees): **U.S. Bank**

Each MBEA recipient received a crystal award along with a congratulatory letter from Gov. Mark Dayton. Dayton declared Wednesday, May 10, 2017, Business Ethics Awareness Day in the state of Minnesota.

“The 2017 MBEA recipients have demonstrated their tireless commitment to achieving and maintaining high ethical standards within their companies,” says Brian Volkmann, MBEA co-chair. “They strive to do what is best for all stakeholders while practicing sound business ethics.”

The finalists for the MBEA were lauded for their commitment to ethics in business. They included: **APPRO Development, Inc. & CERRON Commercial Properties, LLC**, Lakeville, Minn.; **Star Choice Credit Union**, Bloomington, Minn.; **Marsh & McLennan Agency (Minnesota Operations)**, Minneapolis; **RADIUS Health**, St. Paul, Minn.; **Liberty Diversified International**, Minneapolis; and **Medtronic, Inc.**, Minneapolis. All were recognized as outstanding ethical Minnesota businesses.

The award luncheon featured speakers were Neel Kashkari, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and John G. Taft, former chief executive officer of RBC Wealth Management – U.S.

The MBEA recognizes Minnesota businesses that exemplify and promote ethical conduct in the workplace, the marketplace and the community. Since its founding in 1999, the MBEA has recognized 52 Minnesota-based businesses, ranging in size from less than 10 employees to more than 150,000. The MBEA was founded by the Society of Financial Service Professionals – Twin Cities Chapter and the Center for Ethical Business Cultures (CEBC) at the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business. Joining these two organizations as a sponsor is the Financial Executives International (FEI) – Twin Cities Chapter. Information about the MBEA and a list of past MBEA recipients can be viewed at www.mnethicsaward.org.

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